

THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER

Working Students - Under Pressure

Granite State Showdown

by Eric Horne

In a close match from start to finish, Oyster River High School was defeated by Phillips-Exeter Academy in the finals of the "Granite State Challenge" on January 17 at Concord High School.

The one hour quiz game show was the last of 16 played by schools from all over New Hampshire.

By the end of the first round of 10 pt. toss-up questions, OR had fallen behind by 60 points. However, once momentum was gained in the second round, OR increased their score to lead PEA by 35 points.

That momentum was lost in the third round, though, as PEA answered a salvo of arts and literature questions to

gain, and then hold the lead.

"The questions were geared to Phillips-Exeter's strengths. We went up against one of the best secondary schools in the country, in the world maybe, and we nearly beat them with their type of questions," said Senior Chris Glawe, a member of the OR team.

The team's coach, Mr. Petar Stoykovich said, "I was very proud of the team. The questions were extremely difficult. I was also surprised at Phillips-Exeter's performance; they seemed to reach down and go that extra mile."

Despite the team's loss, OR students were positive

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(Loder photo)

Sophomores Take Assembly

Oyster River High School's Sophomore class won \$100 for their efforts in competing against the OR 'Granite State Challenge' team in a trivia game assembly on January 15th.

The four sophomore team members came out ahead of the senior, junior, and freshmen teams by scoring the most points against the 'Granite State Challenge' team within a ten minute time period.

The scoring went as follows: Seniors(6), Juniors(10), Sophomores(16), and Freshmen(6), while 'The Granite State Challenge' team averaged about 36 points for each game.

The Student Council promoted the assembly. President Demi Dubois said, "Mr. Stoykovich asked us to help promote the 'Granite State Challenge' so people would get an idea of what it was all

about. Hopefully, the assembly sparked interest for the final game."

"I feel the assembly gave students a chance to relax and develop some class unity," said ORHS Principal Geoffrey Jones.

Team Advisor Mr. Petar Stoykovich said the assembly was great for school spirit. It rallied the school behind their team and it was a great send-off to Phillips Exeter.

Senior Chris Glawe, a member of the GSC team, said, "I feel the assembly provided good exposure to get people to go to the final show. Students also seemed very positive."

"Senior Richard Lewis said, 'I thought it was a lot of fun. It was surely the funniest assembly we've had in a while.'"

Junior Sean McCabe added, "I found it humorous and enjoyable." 🐾

Climate Committee in Question

by JP Glutting

The school Climate Committee may no longer exist, according to several faculty members who attended last Wednesday's meeting of the committee.

At the start of the meeting, the committee went into executive session to discuss the issue of having a Student Council member sit in on Climate Committee meetings regularly. Nancy Erbstein and JP Glutting, two SC members attending the meeting, were excluded from the executive session. However, Charles Perry and Paul Gasowski, faculty members, and Geoffrey Jones, principal, sat in on the meeting.

The decision to allow students to attend meeting was made but the discussion continued beyond that, according to Anna Nash, Home Economics teacher and member of the Climate committee. The purpose of the Climate Committee itself was brought up, and after over an hour of debate, no decision had been reached.

According to Mr. Gasowski, there is a possibility that the nature of the committee and its goals will be discussed at a future faculty meeting.

The Mouth of the River encourages any responses or comments in general, or on specific articles included therein

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(Taylor photo)

SAILS in Library's Future

by Steve Libby

The Oyster River High School Library acquired an IBM-PCjr computer on December 19 which will eventually be connected to the data base in the State Library in Concord.

Its main purpose, Librarian Barbara Broderick said, is "to search the data base in the State Library in Concord."

"Through the phone software, which will be hooked up soon, we will be able to call the data base and get any information which they have on file," said Mrs. Broderick.

"While the computer is not being used for library purposes, there are other things to do with it," said Senior Dave Seperson.

It has word processing

and training programs, and according to J.P. Glutting, "It has really neat color graphics."

There are many plans for this system which will not take place for one or two years. Eventually, it is hoped that the Seacoast Area Integrated Library Systems, or S.A.I.L.S., will come about. This is a system where all seacoast area libraries will be connected together so that all local libraries will be one. The data base for this system will be at the U.N.H. Library.

According to Mrs. Broderick, "In the future Mr. Jones wants to keep the school library open a few nights per week and possibly Saturday. He wants to leave it open for public use" so that non-school people can use the system as well.

To Chew or Not to Chew

by Craig Rief

"Stop your squawkin' and chew some hawkin'" a student bellows as other students slowly merge into their respective classrooms. If these sound familiar and vaguely related to conversations you hear in the hall, then you are acquainted with the topic—chewing tobacco.

Chewing tobacco has become increasingly popular at ORHS over the last two years. But why chewing tobacco?

"It gets me buzzed!" said one student.

"It tastes good!"

"Something to do."

It's not so much that I mind people chewing tobacco, but it's what they leave behind that others have to step around, jump over, or generally attempt to avoid that aggravates all non-chewers. If people were able to chew tobacco without it bothering others, then no one would object to the habit. But chewers have the disgusting habit of spitting the brown gooey saliva all over the halls, stairs, railings, walls and lockers, thus interfering with other peoples'

rights and property.

"A dap is all I need, and I'm well on my way" said one student. Not only well on his way to feeling good but well on his way to destroying his gums, stomach and the appetite of others. Sitting in the lunchroom one day, one chewer spat under the table next to the one I was eating at. No one could continue eating.

Many teachers and students have complained about the situation but little has been done. Perhaps it is time those in charge realized that chewing tobacco is not only unhealthy for the chewer, but for those who come in contact with the expectorant.

I once tried chewing tobacco. It tasted pretty good. I learned to spit it correctly, not to swallow it and how to keep it packed in my gums. But after three hours I felt sick to my stomach. I was sick for the next two days. This experience might explain my disdain for chewing tobacco, in addition to my disgust with the remains.

If people feel good chewing tobacco, then fine, let them chew it, pack it, gum it, suck it and repack it, as long as they want, so long as my sneakers don't stick to the floor by my locker anymore.

Art and Home-Ec Collaborate

by Lizz Stewart

The Oyster River Home-Economics and Art Departments have produced a calendar in the fall, coordinated a photo exhibit, and purchased a matting and shrink wrap center.

The reason for the first two projects was, according to ORHS Art Teacher William Childs, to reproduce OR students' art work in order to get maximum exposure.

The calendar was distributed during the Thanksgiving season for \$4.00 apiece. According to ORHS Home-Ec teacher, Anna Nash, the calendars were a self-supporting venture, but didn't show much of a profit. Mr. Childs said that their goal was to have the calendars pay for themselves and if there was any excess money, they would reinvest it.

The photo exhibit was comprised entirely of student works and designed to give interested OR students more

exposure Mr. Childs said. It was displayed this winter in the entrance of ORHS, the ORHS Library, and in the front window of Young's Restaurant on Main St. in Durham for about three weeks.

The matt cutter and shrink wrapper were also purchased this fall. They are to be used by teachers and students to preserve their art works. The shrink wrapper does this by covering the art projects, maps, and other items with a tight plastic seal. According to Childs, this unit will be available for student and faculty use in the near future.

The Home-Economics and Art Departments would like to combine again in the future to sell postcards, note paper, or posters, said both Mrs. Nash and Mr. Childs. Mr. Childs then went on to say that they would consider "any form that would promote and display our work."

Students Asked to Change Norm

by Drew Tognela

Last Tuesday, a school assembly was held by ORHS principal Geoffrey Jones to discuss with the students several problems affecting our school.

Jones opened the assembly by talking to the students about improving school climate. More interesting assemblies, better communication between students and teachers, and an increase in school spirit were ideas expressed by Jones.

Freshman Andrea Viccaro said "The school needs more spirit, it would be fun to dress up on certain days or have more assemblies."

The need for new facilities in our school was also brought up in his speech. A plan to expand the school to meet the increasing number of incoming students and the need for storage space were

two ideas that will be discussed in the near future, according to Jones.

Students were also asked to take an active part in the school budget. Mr. Jones said that the school board meetings are open to the students and the community in the hope that they will present their ideas on how the school should spend the money.

Junior Sue Ogden said, "I think that his approach wasn't strong enough, he had some good points, but too much was said at one time."

Jones also expressed an interest in a seven period day. He said that it would allow students a wider variety of courses and lab time.

Also, the issue of decorating lockers was brought up. Jones said "Students should have the right to individualize their locker, but they should move away from sexual stereotypes."

Jones indirectly asked that the pictures of men and women centerfolds be taken down along with the beer ads,

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S.A.D.D. Shocks ORHS

by Chris Loder

Student reaction was varied to a slide presentation on DWI accidents given by Rockingham County Coroner Dr. Dennis Carlson at an assembly on January 10th.

Some students left the assembly with dizzy heads and upset stomachs, but the majority stayed and watched in silence.

Mrs. Beth Kleine, organizer of the assembly and SADD advisor, said she was, "suprised at the overwhelming effect on students."

Senior Jenny Burley, president of the Oyster River SADD chapter, added, "I think the slides were effective in portraying the results of drinking and driving. We hope this 'scare tactic' will prevent any such fatalities here at Oyster River."

The slides were last shown during the 1982-83 school year, when the responses were pretty much the same.

Faculty member Mr. Lou Mroz felt that it "dealt with the problem in a realistic way."

Sophomore Kevin Lansford stated after the assembly, "If I ever wanted to get into the driver's seat of a car drunk, I would think twice because I'll always remember what I saw."

SADD is hoping to have a follow-up assembly within the next month or two so that some of the concerns with the problem can be discussed with the whole school.

Next year the slides will probably not be shown because of their content, according to Mrs. Kleine.

Star Convention in Toronto

by Dave Taylor

The Oyster River Planetarium class plans to travel to Toronto for a convention of the Planetarium Association of Canada, according to advisor Eleanor Milliken.

McLaughlin Planetarium on the University of Toronto campus will host the convention on May 24 through 29.

The Planetarium class will give a presentation on "black holes" under the 64 ft. diameter McLaughlin dome.

"Our presentation will demonstrate script-writing, astronomy, narration and the creation of special effects," said Mrs. Milliken.

Students going on the trip are: Senior Melanie Amerosa, Junior Chris Balser, Freshman Todd Bicknell, Junior Scott Hartzell, Sophomore Esme Hurley, Junior Sue Mundy, Senior Dave Taylor and Junior

Richard Wolfrum.

While at the convention the class will also attend workshops, lectures, and panel discussions dealing with planetarium operation and astronomy.

The \$200 per student cost will be defrayed by fund-raisers organized by the planetarium class, according to Mundy.

A dinner catered by Ed Dickerman, former food service coordinator manager, will be held on March 22. The post-dinner entertainment will feature blue grass music by Ham Branch and a planetarium show. "We could make as much as \$700. on it," said Scott Hartzell.

According to Hartzell, a number of raffles have also been planned as 'money-makers' for the trip. The first raffle is featuring a family photo portrait as the prize.

"This is a great opportunity for the class to apply the skill and knowledge they have gained," commented Mrs. Milliken.

Agati on Parenting

by Alisa Lincoln

Are your parents always telling you, "You ought to know better?" Are you tired of hearing, "But Johnny got an A when he took Algebra?"

Jack Agati, Director of

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Encouraging Concepts Associates, has been conducting a series of four workshops on parenting, sponsored by the Oyster River Educational Workshop (OREW).

The first workshop on January 8th discussed the birth order of siblings, their treatment, and their behavior.

Mr. Agati had the parents divide into groups by their roles in their families. As Agati phrased it, "To see why children in the family are so different, let's examine the children we know best, ourselves."

The parents who were the oldest in their families remembered "strictest rules, higher expectations, and babysitting."

Mr. Agati described the first born as morally righteous, achievement oriented, not as flexible, organized and ready to meet adult expectations. Their key phrase is "I'm here and I can do it well."

Mr. Agati's second group was those next to oldest, but within two years of the oldest. "I describe these people as having the crisis-complex-we try harder." Their goal is to "dethrone" the oldest. They grow up with an ominous sense of competition. Mr Agati continued to describe them as gamblers and adventurers. Sometimes they even become the opposite of the

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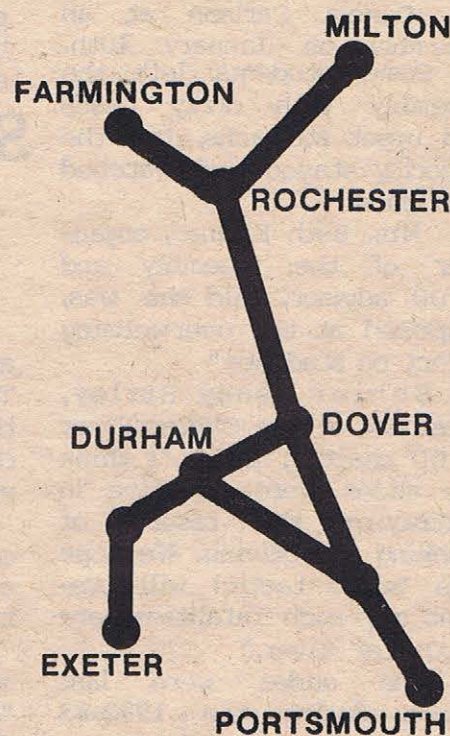
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Drama Club New York Bound

by Scott Hartzell

"'You Can't Take It With You' was a great event," said Drama Secretary Kristen Federer, "and there's more to come."

There are several other performances scheduled by the club. Plays like the one-act comedy by Chekhov, "The Brute" and the musical comedy "Pippin", and a trip to New York are also scheduled.

The latest project of the Drama Club is the musical comedy "Pippin". Auditions for this production have been held, and the cast has been chosen. The rehearsals are also well under way and the show will open to the general public on March 28th, with a matinee on the 30th.

"You Can't Take it With You," the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Moss Hart, grossed over \$1000.00, and netted \$342.50 after bills, according to club advisor Richard Tappan.

The show, that was entered in the Moss Hart Award Competition, was "reviewed and enjoyed by two critics,

Prof. Joseph P. Batcheller, and Robin Miller, reviewer at large," said actor Bill Lockhart.

Another show that has come and gone was "Christmas with Little Women"; it was student directed by Senior Wendy Batson and Junior Scott Hartzell. The show was toured to various elementary schools on Monday, December 17, and went to the Oyster River Middle School on the 18th.

Scheduled for performance sometime in mid-May is Chekhov's "The Brute", a one-act that will be directed by two students, Seniors Amy Klippenstein and Kristin Federer.

The Drama Club will continue its tradition of a trip to New York, during February vacation. The students will stay in the Dumfy Hotel within walking distance of Broadway. According to Mr. Tappan, they will be treated to two Broadway shows and have the option of seeing an additional one, as well as having dinner at the Tavern on the Green Restaurant.

OR Sports Cable

by Steve Libby

During the month of January Cable Channel 12 will air two Oyster River High School basketball games, two hockey games, and the regularly broadcast production of SCAN.

The January 5th OR hockey game against Winnacunnet, and the January 9th basketball game against Exeter have already been broadcast on Sunday the 6th. Games to be telecast this month include the January 18th Newmarket basketball game, which will air on the 20th, and the Exeter hockey game on the 27th. January's SCAN, which was a combination of award-winning pieces from last year, has already been aired on Tuesday the 8th.

Oyster River's games are aired because, "We are one of two teams in Channel 12's zone," said Junior Dave Swift.

According to Pete Lev, Sales and Marketing Manager of Channel 12, "We get in-

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gone either way," said Senior Brian Seeley about the match. "Considering PEA is one of the best schools in the nation, I think we did extremely well," said Senior Dave Seperson.

"I felt that it was a close match, and that it could have

"I think Oyster River did a good job," said Senior Kristina More, "and we have a lot to be proud of."

Letters

Letter to the Editor:

Thanks for the feature on Oyster River High School's efforts to help students plan more effectively for the future. However, please correct a mistake: it is the Guidance Department which hosts career and college speakers, not just the Career Center. Thank you!

Nancy Winterbottom,
Career Counselor



Scott Hartzell, Michele Niese, Andy Gillespie, and Jennifer Beeuwkes, in "You Can't Take It With You"

Math Team

by Bob Hughes

After three Tri-State meets, the Oyster River High School Math Team is in second place in Division II of the Tri-State League and fourth place overall in the Tri-State League.

Last year's champ, OR, trails Amesbury, the 1983 champion, by only two points.

OR's last meet was held at Masconomet, on December 5. Due to the unexpected absence of one of their top scorers, Senior Jon Chorlian, OR did not finish as well as expected, but managed to fend off a few opponents and finish in seventh place.

OR captured first in their meet on November 7 at Timberlane by scoring a total of 246 points. Three OR members; Seniors Jon Chorlian, Tom Cuniff, and Kristin Federer each scored a perfect 30 points. After the second meet, OR had earned the number one spot in division II.

OR's first Tri-State meet was held on October 3 at home. OR finished fourth behind Amesbury (Ma), Masconomet (Ma), Spaulding, and Timberlane. Leading ORHS were Seniors Greg Mercer, Jon Chorlian, and Junior Tom Carter, each with 30 points.

OR's next Tri-State meet will be at Exeter High School on February 6.



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Working Students

by BJ Anderson

It seems everywhere you go there are OR students at work. About 2/3 of the senior class, according to a poll conducted by Senior J.P. Glutting, have jobs in the area.

Junior Alisa Lincoln, a working student at the Hallmark Card Shop in the Fox Run Mall in Newington, said that she works mostly for the money. Lincoln admitted, "I actually don't mind working at all. I get to meet a lot of nice people. I plan to spend the money on weekly expenses but also plan to save some money for college."

Senior Jon Chorlian, an employee at UNH's Philbrook Dining Hall said, "I work because I like to be independent of my parents. I also have a car that takes my money to keep running."

Senior Richard Friling works at Dan's Sunoco in Dover. "I work," said Friling, "to make money to keep my car on the road. I really don't mind working, it keeps me busy and out of trouble. Also, I'm getting some of the experience I need to someday become a mechanic."

Senior Tom McBride, a kitchen aid at the New England Center, said he wants to gain experience for college. McBride said, "The

experience will help me to get a different job if I should want to switch, and also as a reference for college." McBride added the job helps him budget his time.

Most students interviewed all came to the same conclusion that the main incentive for working is the money.

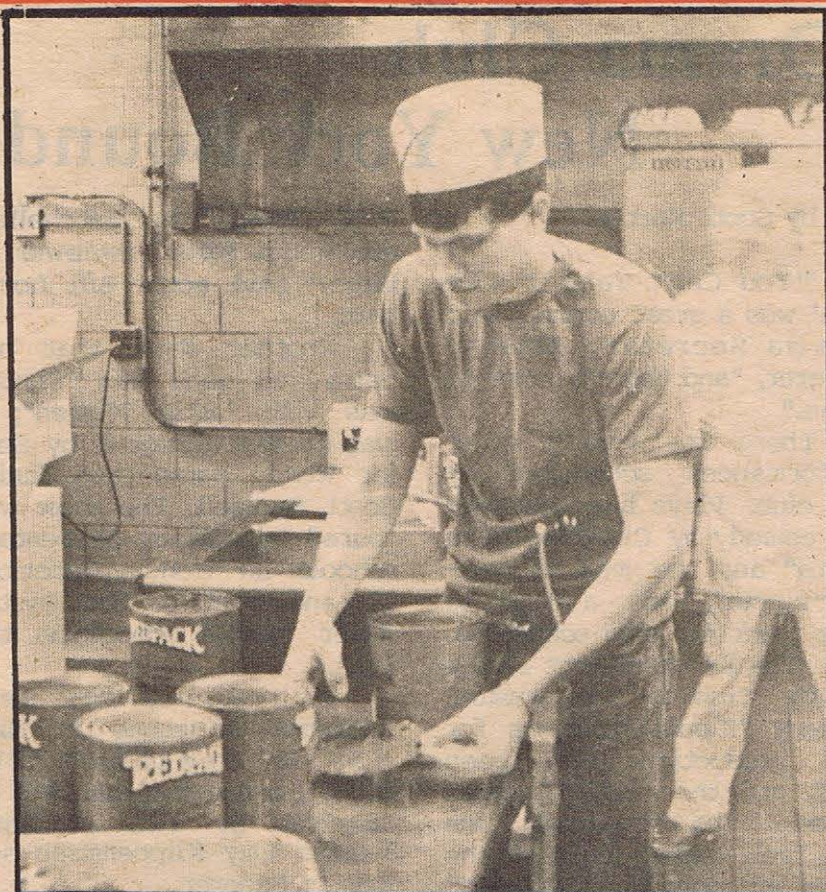
Senior Mike Shore also works at Philbrook and he said, "I got tired of asking my parents for money. With a job I don't need to beg my parents for all the money I need."

According to main office secretary Mrs. Yount, the number of students that work changes with the seasons.

Yount also said that more students start working in the spring so they will have a job in the summer.

History teacher Mr. Lou Mroz said, "You have got the rest of your life to work so don't worry about working, worry about getting the education that will carry you through the rest of your life."

Senior Christine Ruffner has worked at the Souper Salad in the Fox Run Mall for almost two years and has an interesting outlook on her job. Ruffner said she works because she likes the money but also the responsibility and sense of accomplishment that goes along with the job. Ruffner brought up one point



Mike Shore prepares food (Taylor photo) for Philbrook

that no other interviewee touched on. She said, "I have worked at the Souper Salad in the Fox Run Mall for almost two years. I decided I needed a change from the same routine, so I applied for a cook's position. My boss told me I couldn't move to the higher paying job because I wasn't strong enough to do the work. I felt discriminated against because I was a girl."

Senior Michell Comtois works at the Durham Trust

Bank in Durham. She said, "I work because of the money, experience and opportunity. I will probably go into banking so this job is a good start."

Mrs. Linda Barnaby of the Business Department said, "I think working is a good idea but I feel students should realize school comes first. A job has a lot of responsibilities and practical experiences dealing with the real world, but it shouldn't interfere with school."

College Day

by Pepper Klaeson

On Thursday, January 3 College Day was held for juniors and seniors during periods 1-3.

This event was sponsored by the seniors and organized by Senior Class President, Kathy Porter.

Representatives from several colleges, including the University of New Hampshire, Boston University and Brown University, came to talk to Oyster River students about college life.

Youth Govern

by Donna LaRoche

This month, the districts involved in Youth In Government, which include Oyster River, Somersworth, and Spaulding, will join to elect a senator, press representative, and possibly a governor at their first caucus meeting.

Youth In Government provides students with some background on how the state government is run, but the real emphasis is to get more students involved in the process, according to Senior Committee Member Jennifer Parks.

"Members of this generation are going to be the leg-

All the representatives were OR alumni. John Tegan, Ellen Jensen, and Bridgette Finnegan were only some of the representatives present.

The representatives described college life and how it differs from high school. The focus dealt with the atmosphere and the added responsibilities, rather than particular subjects and departments.

"I enjoyed college day," said Senior Jennifer Parks. "It prepared me for what to expect when I go to college."

College days are held only once or twice a year. This was the last one for the 1984-1985 school year.

islaters of tomorrow," stated Parks, "And any early experience will help us be better."

"Youth In Government has been going on in schools for about 20 years. The only bad thing about it is that it takes you away from your family and friends, especially on the weekends," said US Government Teacher Ms. Ellen Yeaton.

Ms. Yeaton will be taking over as head of the committee, replacing retired US Government Teacher Mrs. Marie Meyers.

The Youth In Government Program is in no way related to the Close-Up Program that will be taking a trip to Washington D.C. this spring.

Dover Registration Due

by Kirk Sim

Registration for next year's classes at Oyster River starts February 11 and ends February 25, according to ORHS Vice Principal Neil Shapiro.

Mr. Robert Lachlaw, the director of the Vocational Department is encouraging the students to take classes which may involve their future careers. "Dover Vocational thrives on getting the student out of the books and into hands on experience."

According to Lachlaw, the student's week would look something like this: Monday would be an in class day where there are assignments and readings pertaining to what they will be doing the remainder of the week; Tuesday through Friday he/she will get hands on experience related to their trade whether it be carpentry, working on cars, giving someone a

perm, or creating an exotic meal.

"Some of the programs are useful things for the community and the people," said Senior Mike McKenna, a student in food trades.

According to Senior Sam Mercier, mechanics do oil changes, brake jobs and transmission work free of charge, while floriculture students make centerpieces and room decorations. Mercier added that the food trades students cater banquets for the elderly and others, while the cosmetologists do free haircuts and perms.

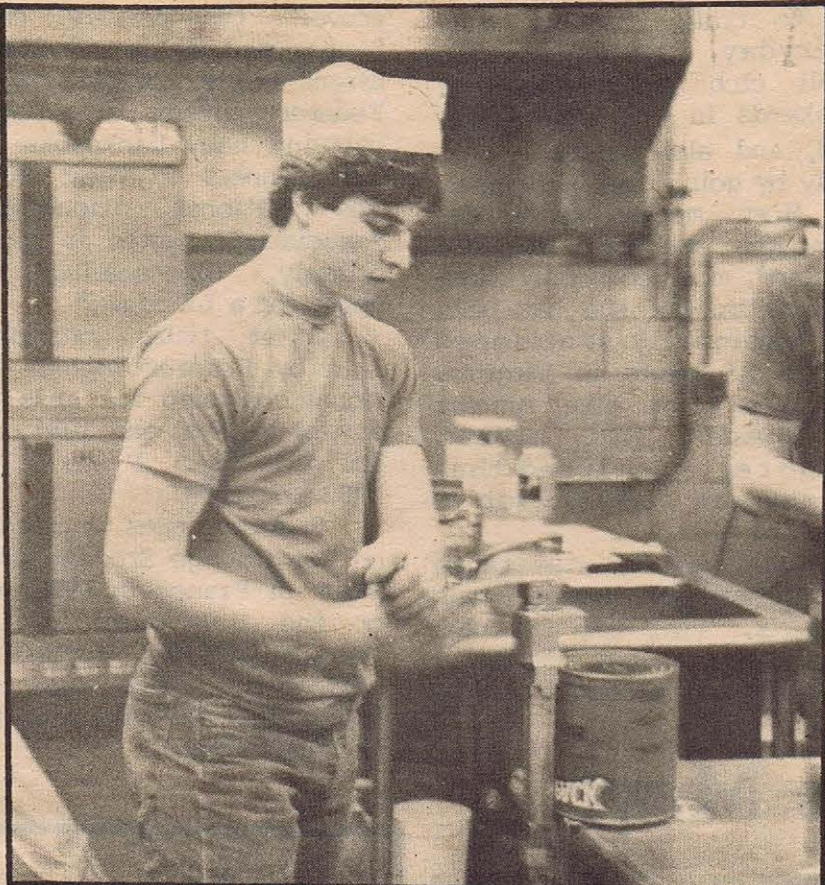
ORHS Guidance Counselor Mr. Roger Hall feels that the Dover Vocational Program is excellent in getting students to develop skills and create awareness.

According to Mr. Hall, a tour is held in the last quarter of the year to show students what the programs are and also let them see it in action.

Mid-Term Reminder

	Tues/Jan. 22	Wed/Jan. 23	Thur/Jan. 24
8:15-10:00	1	3	5
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Semester 2 - Quarter 3 starts Mon. Jan. 28
*Reminder the busses will be running their regular schedule.



Jon Chorlian at work in (Taylor photo)
Philbrook Dining Hall.

Under Pressure

by Sara Spalding

With the end of the semester in our immediate future stress is an issue that students will almost inevitably encounter.

"Cramming," said Junior Jenni Forcier is the only way. "Everything is due at the end of the semester and you're spending so much time on other things that the only time you have for midterms is the weekend before."

One key cause of stress is the students' concern with the future. According to ORHS Career Counselor Nancy Winterbottom, students become so overwhelmed by the future that they often lose sight of constructive means of acquiring it. This can be alleviated by systematically looking at your

options and taking things one step at a time, said Ms. Winterbottom.

On the other side of that issue are the students who aren't concerned with their future now. "Most students live for the day, the hour, the minute, and aren't concerned enough with the future," said Junior Lisa Towne. "It's hard to conceive a real future. It seems like it will never happen."

There are also pressures imposed by external people. "All parents want children to be model students for their own prestige. The teachers want students to do well or they think it reflects on their teaching ability. In neither case do they consider extraneous circumstances such as work, social life, and growing experiences," said Junior Bill

Germann.

Another external force is that of the press, media, and movies. According to Ms. Winterbottom they often create an illusion that is unrealistic. They make it look as if we all can be perfect all the time, and in the end we are being "set up".

Pressure is also created by the competitive atmosphere at OR. "Everyone tries to be good in sports and academics because it (OR) has a reputation. They want to be better than everyone else," said Freshman Chrissy Curran.

This sense of competition is caused by many factors including overcrowding. There are about 550 students competing for space in a school meant for far less, said Ms. Winterbottom.

With all these "bright students competing for air time," it can become frustrating said Ms. Winterbottom. In order to deal with this, it is important for people to affirm their individuality. "Just because you're different doesn't mean you're worse."

Many OR students are involved in a wide range of activities; academic, extracurricular, and jobs outside of school. "Being out of a house and working to keep a roof over my head has been extremely hard in 'juggling' the various portions of my life. Especially since I have to work, but I don't have to do schoolwork," said Germann.

One answer to this problem, according to Ms. Winterbottom, is being clear about your priorities. "You make a decision and when the consequences come down, it's alright."

Probably the most apparent pressure on students is making the grades. "Everyone wants to be on the honor

roll," said Math Teacher Robert Nilson. "They're so interested in the grades that it detracts from whether or not they're learning anything."

Mr. Nilson believes that one of the reasons that there is so much stress is that students are constantly being tested. To alleviate some of this pressure Mr. Nilson allows students to make up quizzes.

Many students feel that the current OR grading scale contributes to their problems. "It encourages brighter students because they have to work harder to look good on paper, but I think it can discourage the mainstream," said Junior Lisa Rockenmacher.

In the quest for academic achievement, "You find you miss out on extracurricular activities," said Senior Christine Ruffner. Ruffner also said that, "Having pressure is a valuable experience in learning to budget our time."

Pressure is something that often can't be avoided. Senior Wendy Batson summed it up when she said, "Some people flourish under stress, others wilt."

In order to cope Ms. Winterbottom suggests, recognizing the fact that it is a stressful time and setting your priorities. You need to establish whether you can or cannot accomplish what you set out to do. On a more concrete level, she said not to be afraid to talk to a professional counselor and be sure to get lots of rest and a good diet.

Mr. Nilson suggests getting into meditation. "It's not something that comes instantly," said Nilson but, "When you get yourself sorted out on the inside, the world sorts itself out."

Weighing the Draft

by David Taylor

"Selective Service is totally un-American, it represents compulsory conscription which is a part of fascist, communist and totalitarian societies," according to Lidia S. Willits, a draft counselor.

Being a para-legal military counselor in Durham, Mrs. Willits deals with many conscientious objectors.

"I don't think Selective Service is un-American. It's a responsibility to register; it's part of being an American," commented Caroline Boswell of Selective Service. Mrs. Boswell heads up the public relations department of Selective Service's main office in Washington D.C.

At this time Mrs. Willits is worried about high school students born in 1965 because she feels the draft may be reinstated this spring.

There is nothing to worry

about according to Mrs. Boswell, "The recruiters are getting more than enough volunteers to meet their quotas."

Mrs. Boswell further commented that registration does not mean that a person will be drafted. "Registration is simply a means by which we can keep track of people eligible for the draft."

Sophomore Tom McDonough expressed his opinion, "Our leaders would only use the draft in the case of an emergency. It's the American people's responsibility to respond to the call of the U.S. government." He further stated, "Conscientious objectors are endangering the lives of their fellow Americans."

The response from Senior Keith Routley was, "I don't like the thought of being forced to fight in another Viet Nam. I would rather follow my own values instead of

having those of the government imposed upon me."

"Any person that wishes not to be drafted has a legal right to become a conscientious objector," stated Boswell.

Mrs. Boswell emphasized that every 18 year old male should register. The registration form, which may be obtained at any local post office, requires the individual to list his name, address and phone number. The form is kept on file by Selective Service in Washington for reference.

Mrs. Willits explained that to become a conscientious objector a form must be filled stating that the applicant wishes not to fight because of moral or religious reasons. She stressed that she thinks the form is full of legal ambiguities and is extremely confusing. Being opposed to all wars instead of war in any

form makes a difference to the government; the former will disqualify an applicant for conscientious objector status.

"The system puts the worst burden on young men's backs, that upsets me," remarked Mrs. Willits.

Mrs. Boswell admitted she was not familiar with the form but said, "I think the form is confusing to weed out the insincere people."

Both Mrs. Willits and Mrs. Boswell did agree that there is far too much apathy concerning Selective Service and the draft. They encouraged people to learn about the systems in order to avoid many of the misconceptions that people have concerning them.

Orienteering - From 'River' to Woods

by Sara Spalding

Kristin Federer, a senior at Oyster River High School, is currently the National and North American Orienteering champion for 17-18 year old women.

Orienteering is a "cross country race in the woods where you must navigate through a series of checkpoints on a map," said Federer.

The basic tools used in orienteering are a map, compass, a pace scale to visualize distances on the map, and a whistle in case of injury or getting lost.

Federer was introduced to orienteering in the fourth grade by her father who got involved through the Appalachian Mountain Club. From this point until the seventh grade she ran recreationally, and began competing in the eighth grade because, "I enjoyed it and felt confident of my skills."

Federer usually runs courses that range from 4.5 to 5.5 kilometers but courses may range anywhere from 1 to 14 km.

To train, Federer runs everyday, participates in small club meets held on weekends in the spring and fall, and also prepares mentally by going over old maps.

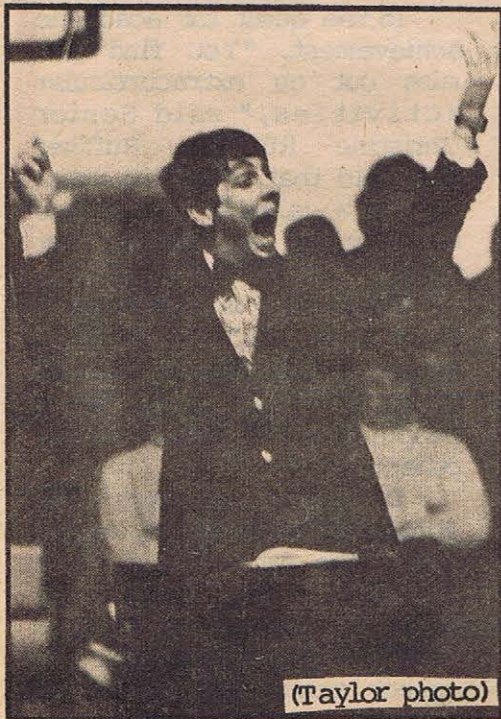
Most meets where she competes are held in New England, most commonly Massachusetts, but she has been to nationally sanctioned 'Class A' meets in Virginia, and West Point. After running in Sweden this summer, Federer "realized that European competition is much tougher."

"You meet a wide range of interesting people," said Federer, "They like the outdoors, the mental challenge, running, and a chance to im-

prove." Orienteers come from varied fields and all different age groups according to Federer. "There are people carrying baby backpacks and also runners in their 70's." The National Orienteering Association's motto is appropriately, "Orienteering: The Sport for a Lifetime."

Other titles previously held by Federer include National champion for girls under 14 in 1980 and 1981, and for girls from 15 to 16 in 1982 and 1983.

Federer hopes to compete on the College Student World Team in France in 1986, and on the U.S. team for the 'Worlds' in 1987. 'Worlds' are held every other year and team trials for this year will be held in April.



(Taylor photo)

Dan Singer conducts

Band on the Move

by Lisa Simmons

"I've been really pleased and proud of their performance," stated Band Director Cindy Plourde.

With the holiday concert successfully completed, the 19 member band is preparing for a busy schedule, including the Seacoast Regional Music Festival in Rochester on February 2 and the All New England Music Festival in Connecticut, March 7, 8, and 9. Both of these engagements involve individual perfor-

mances by each member on a competitive basis with other bands.

The whole band will perform for the "Large Group Band" on March 16 in Keene.

Also, the Music Department is planning two assemblies for the student body. "The Princeton Footnotes," a 16 member a cappella all male group from Princeton University, will perform on February 1 and a tentative performance is also planned by "The Company," a show and dance choir from Plymouth State College, on March 20.

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Pippin Preps

by Scott Hartzell

Fulfillment of a person's life, and his happiness are the points brought to focus in this spring's musical, "Pippin".

The hero in this classic musical comedy, "is out of his own fulfillment" said Director Richard Tappan.

Pippin, who is the son of King Charlemagne, does not seem to find his nook in the world very easily. He discovers sex, the domestic life,

war, and being king, but nothing seems to be for him.

Throughout this ensemble production, there are temptors, false friends, and other players who try to influence Pippin's decisions.

"The turn out was good," said Music Director Steve Denson. Around 100 people turned out for 40 or so parts. "This is an ensemble show," says Denson, "There are no lead parts outside of Pippin, who is portrayed by Senior Dan Wrightsmam.

The show will be performed on March 29th and 30th. There will also be a matinee on Saturday the 30th.

AGATI CONTINUED

first child. "If the first likes black, the next will choose white."

His look at the middle child brought out the most laughs. They seem to "develop" antennae "that reach out to the sensitivities of others. They have an amazing ability to start problems."

Mr. Agati predicted the great actors and actresses of the world to rise out of the youngest group. They have an incredible way to extract pity with their "puppy-dog" looks.

Mr. Agati will present workshops on January 24, and 31. The topics will be "Logical Consequences to Misbehavior" and "How to Encourage the Discouraged Child".

As one parent remarked, "It's nice to know the problems of your family are the same as other families."

STUDENT NORM CONTINUED

in order not to create a bad impression on visitors to our school.

Junior Greg Healy said, "I don't think he has the right to tell us to take down our pictures or advertisements."

In summary, Mr. Jones would like more assemblies, better communication, and more teacher and student support.

JV Round-Up

by Tom McBride

by Chris Hosmer

The Oyster River High School Boys Junior Varsity Hockey team is off to a powerful start with a 6-1-3 record so far this year. Their only loss of the season was against St. Thomas Aquinas January 3.

Lead by Junior goaltender Steve West, and a strong offense, the Bobcats have been able to overtake teams like Dover, Portsmouth, and Spaulding, and are currently in second place in their division.

The back-up goaltender is Freshman Joey Williams, and he has only played in one game so far this year.

Junior Mark Blakemore credits the team's wins to a "good team, people working hard at practice, and a good coach."

Defense on the Bobcats team is lead by Junior Mike McDonough and Sophomore Dave Rice, with back-up help from Junior Jon Moran and Freshman Brendan Stefanski.

"This JV hockey team provides the opportunity for people who otherwise would not have a chance to play," said Senior Sam Gangwer. "It also provides a draw for the varsity hockey team."

The next game will be an away game against Exeter.

The Oyster River Girls JV Basketball Team shot down Pelham, 32 to 26, Friday night in Durham.

The first quarter of play was pretty evenly matched. OR freshman Laura Mussulman, center, dropped in two lay-ups before two minutes into the quarter. Pelham quickly caught up though, hitting three shots as OR's Laura Mussulman scored again, tying it up at six for the quarter.

The second quarter was much like the first. OR's Laura Mussulman scored six more points, and Kristi Covern, Chrissy Curran, Mindy McKay, and Jodi Howard, each scored two points. This time Pelham couldn't keep up, matching OR's 20 points with only 16, to end the first half.

Laura Mussulman pulled OR through the second half, scoring 10 points, while OR's Jodi Howard scored one. Pelham kept at an even pace, scoring ten points, but falling short of OR by a 32-26 score.

"Our shooting record was much better this game than last, but our defense needs practice. The other team scored too many points on inside shots," commented OR coach Jenni Mosca.

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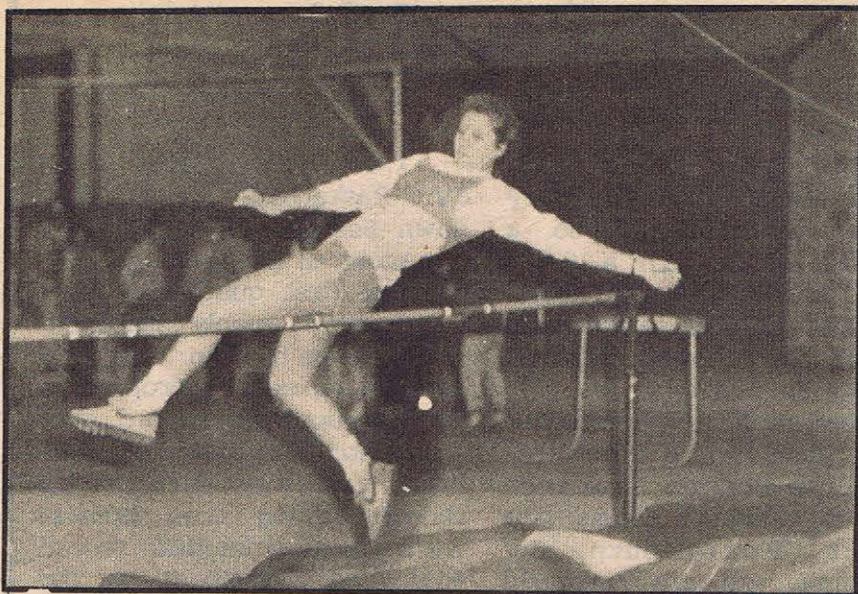


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Missy Goding soars over the bar in last Friday's meet

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OR Boys on Track

by Jon Myslivy

The Oyster River High School Boys Winter Track Team lead by Junior Co-captains Bill Lockhart and Scott Shirley have had a "strong season overall," according to Junior Josh Fitzgerald.

The Bobcats, now 5-6, with one meet remaining is "developing well," according to Coach Robert Byrnes, and "should come into it's own next year," he added.

At their last meet, Saturday January 19 at the University of New Hampshire's Field House, the Bobcats, with strong showings from Shirley and Lockhart, placed second

out of four teams, losing, 66-43-3-0, and stomped Raymond and Somersworth.

A week before, against Memorial, Dover, and Sanborn, OR was stymied when Memorial failed to beat Dover in the 4x440 relay leaving OR came in third place behind Memorial and Dover (66-47-45-15) with Sanborn bringing up the rear.

On December 29, OR finished almost 20 points in front of the nearest team, West, to win the meet 57-38.5-34.5-34 with Spaulding and Merrimack following West.

In the first two meets of the season OR went against teams of superior numbers, and placed last in both tri-meets.

"We have really good, outstanding people," said Coach Ms. Ellen Yeaton, "and

Poulin Leads OR Girls

by Jon Myslivy

The best high jump performance in the state by Freshman Alison Poulin led the Oyster River High School Girls Winter Track Team to a second place finish at Friday's NHIAA tri-track meet at the University of New Hampshire's Field House.

Poulin cleared 5'2" as a crowd of high school girls watched her become the top high jumper in the state.

"We did very well," commented Coach Ellen Yeaton,

team unity is there."

"There is a lot of team spirit; we have had a real team," said Fitzgerald, "The difference is that we have a real coach's guidance."

In looking forward to the state meet at UNH February 2, the outlook is that, "We will do pretty well, better than we have in a long, long time," said Fitzgerald.

OR Sinks Clippers

by Bill Reeves

The Oyster River High School Swim Club swamped the Portsmouth High School Swim Team on January 8, in Portsmouth, 107-56.

OR placed strong throughout the meet putting all three swimmers in the top four places all but twice, holding Portsmouth's points down.

In the 200 freestyle, Junior Bill Reeves won with a 2:14, followed by Sophomore Doug Bothner a second later. D. Bothner and Junior Robert Stevens captured the top two places in the 50 freestyle by more than two seconds.

Both the dive and the 100 freestyle proved the only setbacks for OR's dominance. Portsmouth's divers had no competition and swept in the points.

Even this mild comeback was quickly subdued in the 100 butterfly, when Sophomore Scott Seaver touched in at 1:15, accompanied by Freshman Joanna Crosby.

"both in the high jump, and over the season, having girls qualify for six events at the state meet on February 1."

The team has been led this season by Poulin with 49 points followed by Sophomore Captain Sarah Goding with 32, Senior Michelle Samuels with 11, and Freshman Missy Goding with six points.

The prospect of a team placement in the state meet looks cloudy "because of our numbers," according to Ms. Yeaton, "but people should score well as individuals like Sarah (Goding) in the 55m-dash, and Alison (Poulin) in the 600m-run, and the high jump."

"We have a lot of events covered in the state, and we are really strong in those areas," said S. Goding, "and we should take places in the meet."

"We're really a team. Everyone has a lot of potential, and everyone contributes," said S. Goding

The girls will take their 4-7 record to their last meet Friday, January 25 at 9:00 PM at the UNH Field House. They are expected to do well because "we just get better every week," commented S. Goding.

In the 400 freestyle, B. Reeves cruised in first pursued by Freshman Rob Reeves and Junior Krisanne Bothner. Junior Kevin Pearsall and Freshman Steve Fuller overwhelmed Portsmouth swimmer Robert Bowser in the 100 breaststroke, placing first and second by four seconds.

Portsmouth Coach Mary Fallon explained, "There's a difference in swimming ability; OR has five competitive teams to draw from, Portsmouth draws straight from the school."


Stevens commented, "We've done considerably well considering the amount of practicing we've done."

"Portsmouth came in confident, but we were just superior," according to Junior Greg Healy.


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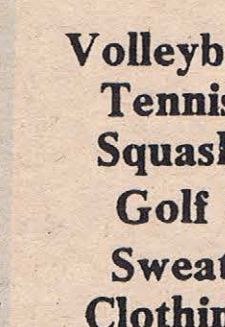
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Girls B-Ball Gains Strength

by Drew Tognela

The Oyster River Girls Varsity Basketball team has run their record to 7 and 3 going into their last quarter of the season.

Solid defense and an aggressive offense have been the keys for the Bobcats this season. Junior Kris Bothner has a 10 rebound/game average in 13 games, and pulled down 25 rebounds against Sanborn. Sophomore Daryl Arrighi and Junior Jo Michel together form a quick and talented offense. Their turnovers and fast breaks have helped the Bobcats pull out to early leads and to keep them in the game when they're behind. Senior Layne Pomerleau plays a consistent game on both ends of the court, as she leads the team in turnovers and has a 6 point/game average.

Victims of the Bobcats include Mt. Saint Mary, Timberlane, Pelham, Sanborn, and St. Thomas. The Bobcats pulled out to early leads against all of these teams. The Bobcats utilize their outside shooting skills and quick passing to pull out into early leads. Michel, Bothner, and Arrighi have all combined for double figure games to help the team win seven

games this season. O.R. has also been strong on the line, as they have converted fouls into points to put a lot of close games in their favor. The Bobcats are shooting close to 50% from the line, and have iced close games with their free throws.

Oyster River's losses have come from Somersworth, Exeter, and Newmarket. The Exeter Blue Hawks jumped out to an early lead and pressed the Bobcats into 5 turnovers in the first half. A spurt of ten points by the Hawks put Exeter in the lead, and kept it for the rest of the game.

The Newmarket Mules came from behind with free throws and overcame the Bobcats in the fourth quarter to defeat the Bobcats 44-37. Even though the Bobcats held the lead through the first half, Newmarket's 2-1-2 zone held the Bobcats in the second half, which helped the Mules make a comeback.

O.R.'s other loss came from Somersworth as a slow offense and defense helped the Hilltoppers overcome the Bobcats. Turnovers and poor shooting were also the cause as the team could not pull together for a win.

Oyster River heads into the last quarter of its season with a winning record. Head coach Ken Andrews said, "We have a young team, but we're playing well. I'm looking for improvement despite a winning record." 🐾

Hockey Cats Aim for Playoffs

by Jim Valenza

The 5-6 Oyster River Varsity Hockey Team enters the last swing of the season with a very legitimate chance at being in the playoffs.

A .500 or better record in the last seven games will place them in the midst of the playoff picture.

Most recently, the Bobcats nearly registered the upset of the season, but fell short as the undefeated Exeter Blue Hawks escaped with a 2-1 overtime victory. "We had an opportunity to win this one. we played well defensively," according to Head Coach Rick Olmstead.

The stingy OR defense

held the number one Hawks to just two goals. Senior Shawn Schuyler got the lone Bobcat goal half-way through the third stanza, during a scramble in front of the Exeter net.

"We tend to play the style of hockey that our opponent plays," Olmstead added. That's the pattern that the Bobcats have followed thus far this season.

The shining star for the Bobcats has been the sparkling play of Junior Goal-tender Jon Heisey. "Jon is a stellar player," Olmstead praised, "He has the tools that a goalie needs to play at the college level." Heisey has a .950 save percentage and averages 41 saves a game.

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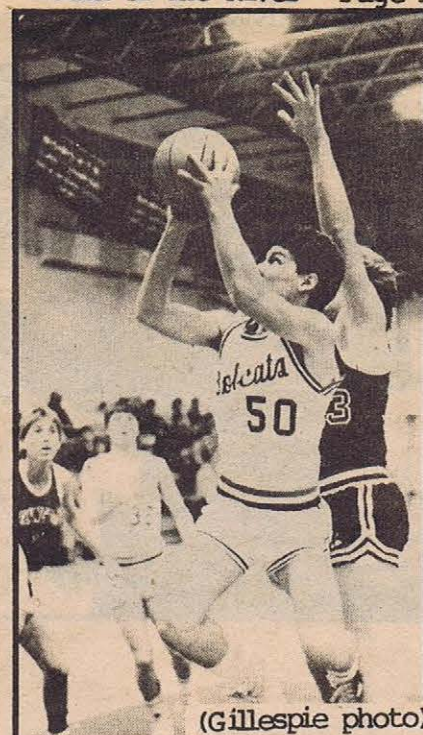
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Debbie Curren looks on as Kirsten Findell shoots



Macharty watches as Clark drives to the net

Boys B-Ball Battles Odds

by Alisa Lincoln

Friday night at Newmarket High School the Oyster River High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team put up a valiant effort but was not able to overtake the Newmarket Mules in the 55-43 loss.

Newmarket Senior Jeff MacDonald led the Mules with 18. While Brian Mussulman led OR with 15. According to Mussulman, "We weren't shooting well especially on

the foul line."

At the half, Newmarket led 24-11. Second half scoring was fairly even and the Bobcats were not able to gain the lead. A key factor was the free throw percentage. The Mules shot 21 for 37 while the Bobcats managed to sink only 39% from the line.

The Bobcats are currently 3-7 but are looking forward to the last ten games. Senior Tri-Captain Scott MacHardy said, "We are not playing as well as we could be playing. We have talent we just don't use it in the game." 🐾

Heisey is backed up by Senior Goalie Brian Rief. Olmstead stated, "Heisey and Rief are the best one-two punch in the state."

Other standouts include: Sophomore Defenseman Howie Howard, three goals and five assists; Senior Defenseman Craig Rief, three goals and four assists.

The line of John Bruder, Sam Meeker and Tim Cavanah leads the team with 24 points.

"The white line has great potential," Coach Olmstead said. Junior Forward Jeff Kertzer has six goals and one assist; "Jeff never stops working... he's a good, tough player," stated Olmstead.

Other point getters include Sophomore Ed Walenta, Seniors Pat Bennet, Shawn Schuyler, Jim Carlson, and Ted Germann.

In the next games Olmstead hopes that the team will "break out better and get more goals. They're always looking for the perfect shot and don't realize that each shot is a potential goal." The Bobcats average is just two goals a game and are outshot by their opponents almost 2-1.

"We need to win four or five of our last seven games to make the tournament," Olmstead figured. He continued, "If we play the caliber of hockey that we did against Exeter, we should do all right."

The Bobcats will set for a grudge match against Exeter this Thursday. 🐾

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Denson Up on Life

by Scott Hartzell

"Life's fun. Don't let adulthood stop you from being a person and letting loose and raising a little hell," says Chorale Director Steve Denson. This is his basic way of looking at life.

Denson, whose home town is Kanoga Park, California, feels that everyone is an individual, and most often they think less of themselves than they should.

"My goal," said Denson, "is to help people discover how beautiful they are and what they have to contribute."

Denson was first aware of the opening here at OR one and a half years ago, when he saw an advertisement in the Boston Globe. He replaced Iris Levine who went on leave to complete her masters at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Denson's education is impressive; he has completed his Bachelors degree in drama and music (conducting), and received his Masters degree

from Northern Michigan University, where he taught for four years.

His highschool, Kanoga Park "Reminds me of this school" said Denson. "It's much more relaxed, but not quite as competitive as Oyster River."

Denson said he has been in music since he was three years old. He said "My parents gave me piano lessons just to get me out of their hair." He recalled being able to read music before he could even read the titles.

Denson was not active in music as he reached his high-school years; he was a concert pianist and "there was not much call for one." He also said that their school chorus was pretty awful, as well as the band, so he joined a pick up dixieland band.

Denson's original field of study was not drama. When he started college, a friend of his convinced him to enter drama, and music directing, which he had not even considered before.

When Denson left Occidental in 1963, his first job was as a teacher at San Juaquin Valley School in Rich Grove California. He taught mostly farm workers, kindergarten through grade 12.

From there he went on directing and performing in plays, managing a theatre for a few years, and teaching. Then for eight years prior to his firing in 1983, Denson was a faculty member at the North Shore Community Alternative School in Massachusetts. He taught "everything from a little geometry to English."

When Denson isn't busy with the Drama and Music Department, which is very seldom, he enjoys listening to Bach and early 13th, 14th and 15th Century music. He said, "I love large chorales and ensembles, the type of music where there is little distinction between instruments and vocals."

"I do not see anything as perfect," said Denson in reference to the school system, "But this school is way ahead, although the pressure is sometimes unrealistic, and we lose focus on humanity of students."

Denson is pleased to see the students of our school doing open things and not being so competitive, personally. Denson also believes that there should be more "natural excentricities."

The possibility faces Denson that there may not be a job here next year. "What I will do beyond this I am unsure. I may go on and get my doctorate, or maby just teach at a junior college. I'd probably be better off going to teach at a college," he said, "There's no way I can duplicate what the kids and I have done here."

Chorale Plans European Tour

by Terilee Evans

Oyster River Chorale Director Mr. Steven Denson is planning a European concert tour this spring from June 27 to July 14.

According to Denson, the tour will be open to all OR music students at a total cost of \$1,599.00 per person. The tour is also open to other high school students from surrounding school districts, including Portsmouth, Winnicunnet, and Spaulding. Students from Fox Lane high School in Bedford, New York.

The tour will include round trip air fare, all ground transportation, lodging, meals and admission costs for museums and other sightseeing trips.

The group will be arriving in Frankfort, Germany on June 28. From Frankfort the group will tour Vienna, Kitzbuhl (Austria), Salzburg (Austria), Innsbruck (Austria), Bern (Switzerland), Strasbourg (France) and Paris, where their last performance will be at the Notre Dame Cathedral.

From France the tour will return home to Logan Airport in Boston.

"The trip should be a real learning experience, and a real blast," said Junior Scott Hartzell, who is looking forward to skiing the Alps this spring.

Denson said that if it was possible he would have liked to take the whole OR chorus, but there is no way for every student to come up with the money for the tour.

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